
LIBRARY

Summer 2026

Summer at the Encinitas Library already feels magical, and it's all thanks to the wonderful support of the Friends of the Encinitas Library. Our building has been full of excited families, curious kids, and joyful moments as we roll out this year's Summer Reading fun.

Every week brings something new to delight our community: magic and physics demonstrations that spark wonder, balloon twisting and juggling that fill the room with smiles, drumming that gets everyone moving, wizards and pirates who bring stories to life, and visits from animals, reptiles, puppets, and even mermaids. We also have **concerts, drawing workshops, clay animation sessions, and a portable planetarium** that has quickly become a favorite.

All of these programs are free for the community and made possible entirely by the Friends' Summer Reading Program budget, and we are truly grateful!

The first week of June brought an incredible surge of energy into the library. **Hundreds of families signed up for Summer Learning**, kids raced through scavenger hunts with enthusiasm, and visitors of all ages filled the building from morning to evening. Seeing so many people reconnecting with the library (reading, learning, discovering, and simply enjoying being here) has been inspiring for the entire staff.



Priscila Ruiz -Flores presenting about library services at the last ELAC meeting of the school year.

We've also had some memorable community moments recently, including a sweet **Tooth Fairy Storytime**, the return of **Doggie Tales**, and a lively **storytime visit to the San Diego County Fair**.

Our **Adult Book Club** is preparing for a thoughtful discussion this July with U.S.-themed reads in honor of the nation's 250th anniversary.

Behind the scenes, **staff have welcomed a large shipment of brand new books**, the first of many to arrive this summer, **and the cozy new furniture funded by the Friends** continues to be enjoyed every day.

A quick reminder that the library will be closed July 3 and 4, but we look forward to welcoming everyone back on July 5.

Thank you, Friends, for helping us create a summer full of joy, imagination, and community connection. Your support continues to make the Encinitas Library a place where wonderful things happen.

Diana Minuzzi
Encinitas Branch Librarian



Pam Schwartz and Renee Hanson - Pam and Renee honored by the FOEL for their dedication to the First Sunday program.